

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

May 2012 – Week 3

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TITLE: OLD MISSION, ACCOMPLISHED

MAY 1883 AND TEXAS IS ON A MISSION.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 17, 1883. SAN ANTONIO. BUILT IN 1724, THE ALAMO BEGAN AS A MISSION, WHERE SPANISH PRIESTS PROTECTED LOCAL INDIANS. FOR THE NEXT 150 YEARS, IT WAS A FORT FOR SPANISH, MEXICAN, TEXIAN, U.S. AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES.

BY THE 1870'S HOWEVER, THE ALAMO HAD TURNED INTO A GENERAL STORE. PIG CARCASSES HUNG IN THE ALAMO CHURCH AND A LOCAL HUMORIST JOKED THAT CABBAGES WERE STORED WHERE CROCKETT DIED.

TODAY, THE STATE BUYS THE ALAMO CHURCH FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE FOR TWENTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS. EVENTUALLY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS HELP ACQUIRE OTHER ALAMO BUILDINGS FOR PRESERVATION.

TODAY, THE ALAMO IS STILL OWNED BY THE STATE AND OPERATED BY THE D.R.T. AS THE SHRINE OF TEXAS LIBERTY.

THE STATE BOUGHT THE ALAMO 129 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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